Mr. President: There is a scheme regarding foreshore lands.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What I mean is, when a Town Improvement Trust is existing in Calcutta, Bombay, etc., places, where is the difficulty in constituting any such self-supporting scheme? *(Laughter).* No answer.

Mr. President: You have cornered the Chief Engineer.

PERSONAL ALLOWANCE—CALCULATION FOR PAYMENT OF PENSION

23. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any Government Officers who are drawing pension calculated on the personal allowance drawn by them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes; there are Government Officers drawing pension calculated on the personal allowance drawn by them.

DEPARTMENTAL TESTS EXAMINATIONS—REMUNERATION FOR

24. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any remuneration is paid to any of the Examiners for the Departmental Tests Examinations held by the Government, either for valuation or for setting the papers or for conducting the examinations, either oral or written;

(*b*) if so, the names of the papers or examinations for which remuneration is paid and the examinations for which no remuneration is being paid:

(*c*) if there are two categories of examinations as referred to in (*b*), the reasons for paying to certain examiners only;

(*d*) the amount of examination fees collected for each paper in the years, 1114, 1115 and 1116 separately;

(*e*) the amounts of remuneration, if any, for valuation and conducting of examinations.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) Yes; both setting fees and valuation fees are paid for all Departmental Tests Examinations conducted by the Departmental Tests Examination Board. The

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oral Examination is conducted by an Examiner and he is also given the remuneration like other examiners.

As for conducting the examination, an honorarium of Rs. 100 is usually paid to the officer attending to the tabulation of results and correspondence connected with the examination. No supervision fee is paid to the Superintendents who supervise the Examinations.

The Survey Tests Examination is conducted once in a few years according to necessity by the Revenue Department, and a remuneration of Rs. 118 was drawn by the Superintendent of Survey and Land Records on 14th Edavam 1115.

(*b*) No answer called for in view of answer to (*a*) above.

(*c*) Do. do.

(*d*) The fees prescribed are for each Test and not for a paper. Hence it is not possible to give the fees collected for each paper. The total amounts collected in the years 1114, 1115 and 1116 are Rs. 1,229, Rs. 1,924 and Rs. 2,372 respectively.

Remuneration is paid at the following rates.—

(*i*) Setting fee including valuation fee for the 1st 25 papers .. .. Rs. 15

(*ii*) Valuation fee for each paper over 25 .. 3 annas

(*iii*) Honorarium to the officer for tabulation, correspondence work, etc. } Generally Rs. 100 under special sanction every year.

(Total remuneration in each year was 1114 Rs. 763—6—0
1115 Rs. 743—8—0
1116 Not yet paid).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Do Government pay travelling allowance to the officers who come from Trichur to supervise the examination ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* They are paid travelling allowance.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cannot the Government find more saving if one centre is opened at Trichur also and will it not be convenient to those officers who are in the northern division ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* We never had occasion to consider that question. We can consider it.

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